Financial assistance for rehabilitation of displaced Textile Workers in Gujarat

1006. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended any financial assistance to Gujarat for rehabilitation of displaced textile mill workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken so far by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Contract Labour in IBP, Calcutta

1007. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract labour engaged in prohibitory category of sweeping and cleaning job in IBP Company Housing at Calcutta under the garb of House keeping;

(b) if so, whether the IBP, Company limited retrenched the workmen after complaint with the respective Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Calcutta; and

(c) whether Government will direct the company for their immediate re-instatement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Non-payment of wages and P.F. to Security Workers by IOC contractor

1008. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about non-payment of wages to the 41 security workers under contract of Indian Oil Corporation (Marketing Division), Calcutta Establishment, Budge Budge (24 Pargana, West Bengal) and also provident fund dues from 1991 to February, 1996;

(b) if so, whether appropriate steps have been taken in terms of law against the Corporation and principal employer (Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.); and

(c) whether Government will direct immediate payment of wages and P.F. dues to the workers by the Indian Oil Corporation and contractor respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Workers Union of Indian Oil Corporation Limited made a complaint to the Office of the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Calcutta regarding the non-payment of wages to certain category of workers.

The Office of Regional Labour Commissioner (Central), Calcutta deputed an officer of the rank of Labour Enforcement Officer to take necessary action in the matter. The concerned officer visited the workplace on 17.5.96 but could not do the needful as the workers did not turn up to receive their payment despite the prior notice to that effect. It was later learnt that workers did not turn up to receive the payment presumably for the reason that they wanted the payment of wages without any deduction towards Provident Fund and Employees' State Insurance, which is a necessity as per the provisions of the relevant Acts.

However, the information regarding the non-payment of provident fund dues and the steps taken in this regard, is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Determination of wages of labourers in unorganised sector

1009. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to reasonably and rationally